

Sidelights on Life in Europe

Naples Statue Of Virgin Rolls Eyes, They Say

Site of Miracles Produces Another Unusual Story of Madonna Expressing Delight at Surroundings

Image Is 400 Years Old

Great Landslide Damages Several Villages in the Reggio Calabria District

MILAN, April 30.—NAPLES has been chosen again as a site for miracles and the infatuation and superstition on the part of its population know no bounds. The latest miracle is that a wooden statue of the Virgin has expressed its satisfaction with its new surroundings by repeatedly moving its eyes. The old historical little church called Madonna del Rosario had followed the destiny of many others and some time ago had been converted into a baker's and confectioner's shop and workshop.

The wooden Madonna was removed and placed in an out-of-the-way corner. Finally, the baker's contract coming to an end, it was decided to reconsecrate the church and reestablish the 400-years-old statue on the altar. On this being accomplished, according to sworn eyewitnesses, the miracle of the statue repeatedly blinking its eyes occurred. At once there was a determined rush of visitors, with which the police are powerless to cope. Faithful Neapolitans from far and near are visiting the church by tens of thousands and the pilgrimage shows no signs of abating.

Landslide Damages Several Villages in Reggio Calabria

MILAN, April 30.—The Reggio Calabria district has been visited by a calamity nearly as great as the 1907 earthquake. A big landslide occurred, four miles long by a mile deep, engulfing forests, vineyards and several villages. Where villas and orange groves stood there is now only a shapeless mass of earth and boulders surrounded by puddles. Fortunately no loss of life occurred, the landslide having moved slowly from mountain to valley. The villagers were terrified, the accident happening at night, with deep, constant rumble like far-away thunder, which frightened the superstitious peasants nearly out of their senses. When daylight came, and forests were seen to move and topple over excitement knew no bounds. Nothing was saved and the damages total several million lire.

Statue of Venus de Milo Cost France Only 750 Francs

PARIS, April 28.—France is preparing to celebrate the centenary of the presentation of the Venus de Milo to the Louvre, and a story is being told of the finding of the famous statue that is in curious conflict with the account published in the latest collection of data in A Century of Archaeological Discoveries. The evidence goes to show that the statue was found in several pieces by a peasant of Melos. French officers were told of the find, examined it and reported the matter to Ernest. Ernest told Smyrna, Smyrna told Constantinople, and the French Ambassador there offered to buy the statue.

A Greek priest, however, had meanwhile purchased the statue from the commune of Melos, but had not paid cash. A messenger from the French Legation thereupon tempted the commune with 750 francs and carried off Aphrodite. The angry priest protested and the commune was fined 7,000 piastres, afterward reduced by the Sultan at the request of the conscience-stricken French Ambassador at Constantinople. But France kept the statue.

Wife's Fault When Husband Beats Her, Says Magistrate

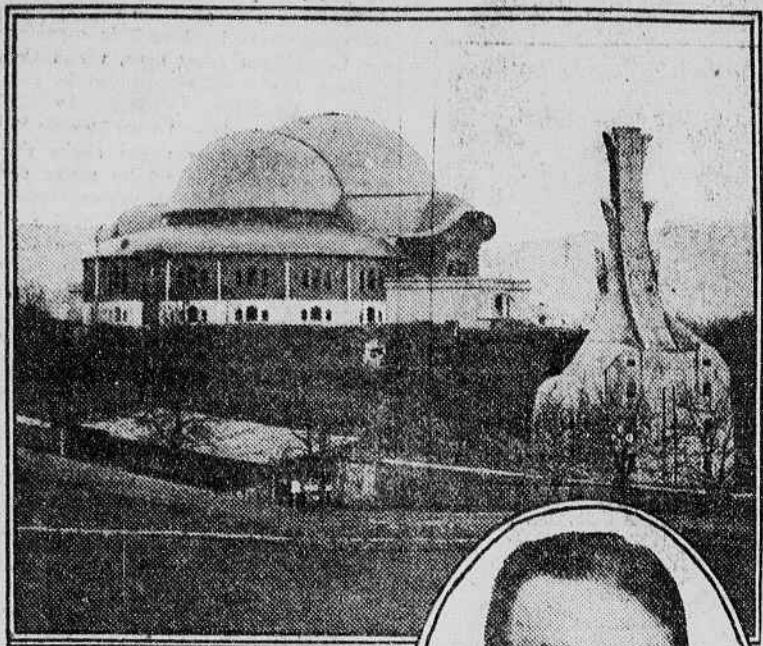
From The Tribune's European Bureau LONDON, April 30.—"Wives should not be beaten." The view was recently advanced by Magistrate Symmons at the Clerkenwell police court when a young wife applied for a separation order on the ground of cruelty. "I have invariably found," said Mr. Symmons, "that when a man knocks his wife about it is her fault. There was once a good old law under which a man could thrash his wife as long as the stick was no thicker than his thumb."

Mrs. Margaret B. Nevinson, Justice of the Peace, does not agree with this. Interviewed on Mr. Symmons' statement she said: "This is not an age to glorify brute force. What about the fellow who comes home drunk and knocks his wife about? Is he to have the approval of our magistrates the following day? Briefly, it raises a question I thought was dead. Should wives be thrashed? Certainly not!"

Isles Witness Part Eclipse of the Sun

From The Tribune's European Bureau LONDON, April 30.—The British Isles witnessed a partial eclipse of the sun April 8, from 7:30 to 11 a. m. The moon's disc swept over the face of the sun, at one time almost obscuring it. A sudden chill fell upon the countryside, a dim twilight closed in and strange long shadows of buildings and trees—not the normal shadows of every day—appeared. All London seemed to be moved with smoky clouds toward the heavens.

"Living" Architecture: A New Form Devised by a Hungarian



The Inventor, a Hungarian, Also Has Cure for Bolshevism, Which Is Called "Goetheanism"

THE country home of a successful theatrical ticket broker of Mars? With a gashouse in the foreground to contain the disembodied spirits of former cooks and other enemies? Wrong! This is the Free High School of Spiritual Science, founded by Dr. Rudolph Steiner, a Hungarian, in Dornach, Switzerland. He is the inventor of what is claimed to be a new style of architecture, composed of "living" instead of "dead" forms. The double-domed building is the high school proper. The curiously shaped spire is the power house. The portrait shows Dr. Steiner.

Dr. Steiner is the founder of a movement called "Goetheanism," and his followers declare it is the high school of a trend of thought dimly foreshadowed by Goethe. His scheme is for a three-fold social organism that he has described in detail in his book The Three Fold State. Dr. Steiner, who recently resigned as German Foreign Minister, after reading the book pronounced it the only possible remedy for Bolshevism.

Church and State were separated when America was settled. Dr. Steiner would keep separate the economic from the mental (spiritual and intellectual) phase of modern life and separate from both of these the political, or juridical phase. It is his contention that all the trouble in the world results from the mixture of these functions of the social organism.

Outbreaks in Italy Are Traced To Russian and German Radicals

Police Raid Quarters of Bolsheviks in Health Resort Hotels and Uncover Radical Propaganda; 100 Arrested; Soviet Mission Blacklisted

MILAN, April 30.—STRONG suspicion is beginning to take substantial form that the recent communist disorders and anarchist outrages in Italy are being executed by combined orders from Moscow and German Spartacist leaders. Italy has not been obliged to declare a state of siege, as Germany did at Eisleben and Hamburg, ordinary police repression sufficing, but the meddling subterranean agitation is nevertheless causing apprehension and annoyance.

Strange facts are being revealed by rigorous police search in northern and southern Italy. The hunger strike of Malatesta, the noted anarchist imprisoned in Milan, is now supposed to have been suggested from Moscow as a means of impressing the anarchists and creating consequent disturbances. In fact, the announcement of the anarchist's hunger strike was followed immediately by strikes at Genoa, Livorno, Ancona, Trieste, Spezia and Carrara marble quarries, though these were repressed at once by the government. At Trieste, a Fascist, revolver in hand, compelled the striking sailors to get aboard their ships and in half an hour the steamers sailed. Strikes were followed by bomb outrages at Pegli, on the Riviera, Milan, Genoa and in Romagna, all showing a combined anarchist movement. A crew appears at Genoa, where five bomb-throwers were arrested. All had revolvers and hundreds of cartridges and banknotes bulging in their pockets; also cards showing their affiliation with Russian Bolsheviks and German Spartacist associations.

As if to confirm suspicion of German intervention, the word "Spartacus" appeared daubed on walls and houses in many cities in Italy. This mysterious word, appearing as if by magic and to the astonishment of the Italian laborers—who are completely ignorant as to its meaning—has become a puzzle to the police, who are trying to trace it.

Soviet Mission, Barred by Hotels, Has Trouble Finding Quarters

The Soviet mission is in a serious plight, owing to the difficulty of finding suitable apartments. The mission was forced to leave the Hotel Londra, sixty hotel visitors having protested against its admittance, saying they would leave unless the Soviet representatives were dismissed. The Italian Socialist Deputies at-

tempted, without success, to find a suitable flat owing to the hotel keepers' general refusal to accept the Russian delegates. It is rumored that the government has been reproached for the way they have allowed some of these to be converted into apartments. Vorovsky has cashed cheques at a Roman bank amounting to 2,000,000 lire, and it is alleged that the money was intended to be advanced on orders for motor cars and military cloth, but so far no contracts appear to have been placed. It is thought likely that part of the money was meant for propaganda purposes. It is also queried as to what possibilities for the exchange of goods may exist, considering that the first and only delivery of wheat, which arrived from Odessa, was decayed and unfit for human food.

Police Raid Health Resort Hotels and Arrest 100 Reds

Italian Riviera hotels at Nervi and Pegli have been chosen for the headquarters of the Russian Bolsheviks. The police were recently informed that Russians staying at several of these hotels for the alleged purpose of climatic cures were receiving a number of shady visitors. Money seemed to be plentiful, also gold coins which are now seldom seen, and it was found that occasional journeys to Genoa were made for the purpose of selling jewels and entertaining visitors in out-of-the-way restaurants.

On a given morning the police effected a general raid, and more than 100 of these hotel visitors were arrested and all hotel luggage thoroughly searched. A lot of documents were seized, including correspondence with Italian and German Communist leaders. There are so many papers that it will take days to examine them properly, but even surface examination revealed the fact that a nest of hot propagandists had been discovered. The climatic cure ended in jail for many, and it is now ascertained that five of these Russians are the actual leaders of the whole Bolshevik propaganda in Italy. The police are reserved, but it is understood that these discoveries will lead to the arrest of more Bolsheviks in other towns, especially Rome. Some Russian refugees in a Nervi hotel recognized in a would-be consumptive visitor one of the most cruel members of the Odessa revolutionary committee, one who had actually taken pleasure in acting as executor of death sentences passed by the committee.

Paris Thieves Alert for Gems Of U. S. Women

Detectives Warn Americans Who Plan European Trip to Leave Jewels Home or Prepare to Guard Them

Polite Crooks in Profusion

Chance of Recovery Slight Once the Valuables Are Stolen, Police Declare

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AMERICAN women planning to tour Europe this summer should leave their costly jewels at home or prepare to watch them zealously throughout their travels. Once they are stolen on this side of the Atlantic there is not one chance in a thousand of recovering them. This was the warning transmitted to-day through the Tribune correspondent by the head of a prominent detective agency in Paris who has been working recently on important jewel robberies. He frankly admits that the international "gentlemen crooks" who are now operating in France are too clever for the detectives and the police.

The well dressed Raffles who entered the shop of the foremost jeweler on the Rue de la Paix a few days ago, picked out the most expensive rope of pearls in the shop and coolly walked out with it represents the type of high class thieves whose activities have greatly increased in Europe since the war.

Scattered Pearls Hard to Find

The string of ninety pearls, worth 400,000 francs, which he stole probably is on its way to London now, where it will be sold, each pearl separately finding its way gradually to jewelers' shops in Paris, London and New York. According to the detectives when pearls are once scattered it is impossible to trace them. Only when a jewel is rare and renowned, like the 291-karat sapphire stolen in February in Warsaw from Count Braniczki, is there some chance of recovery, though even in these cases detection is made difficult by cutting up and mutilating the gem.

According to the detective, the big jewel robberies of the past winter in Nice and Cannes, where society women were congregated, have been made easy for the professionals by the carelessness of the women, who are not content with imitations, but insist on wearing costly jewels on every occasion. He cited the case of an American woman whose pearl necklace was stolen in a Paris café, and who did not discover her loss until the day after.

"It is the practice of professional thieves," said the detective, "once they have discovered that a woman is careless with her jewels, to follow her from place to place—Cannes, Nice, Paris, Deauville or London—for several months. They lay careful plans and watch their chance in the hotels or at balls. When they once get away with the jewels they are gone for good."

"Jewel robbery has become a highly lucrative profession in Europe since the war, and the number of 'gentleman' thieves has increased. They have accomplices, but there is no organized, international band, as often has been stated. They are too much afraid of being given away."

Four Big Markets For Stolen Gems

"The one thing detectives are sure of after a robbery is that the gems will be passed from hand to hand until they reach one of the four important world markets, where they will be sold. Amsterdam is the greatest market for stolen diamonds, London for pearls and Paris for fancy stones. Since the war New York has become much more important as a gem center."

"A large part of the jewels stolen in Russia after the fall of the royalty and nobility found their way to Paris. When jewels are stolen in one country they almost always are passed for sale to another country."

There is a certain quarter in Paris, near the Rue La Fayette, where a traffic in stolen jewels is carried on through which milady's lost diamonds and pearls eventually are turned into the respectable marts of trade.

Now that the season is over at Nice and Cannes, the polite buccanniers have changed their seat of operations to Paris, where they will stay until French society and their wealthy prey from other countries move to the fashionable watering places. Then these sleek gentlemen with nimble fingers will quietly follow and go on with their trade.

Troops on Rhine to Hear Concerts by Wireless Phone

From a Special Correspondent THE HAGUE, April 27.—Concerts by wireless telephone for the entertainment of Allied troops on the Rhine and many thousands of people traveling on the seas are soon to be started under a scheme for which Herman Darewski, the composer, is responsible. The concerts, Mr. Darewski has explained, will be given twice a week, on Sundays and on Thursdays, and will be picked up by the wireless phone and transmitted to all stations with receiving apparatus within 500 miles of The Hague. The latest musical successes will be reproduced, as well as classical music. It is estimated that 100,000 people will hear the first concert, soon to be given here.

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Why can't we see in the dark?
What are eyebrows for?
Why are tears salt?
Why does the kettle sing?
What makes a fog?
Where do thoughts come from?
Why does a stick float?

Why do we go to sleep?
What makes a bee hum?
Does a plant eat?
Is a stone alive?
What makes a watch go?
Could the sky fall down?
Why cannot animals talk?
What makes a whirlpool?
What is radium?
What is mist made of?
Why is the sky blue?
Why do stars twinkle?
What makes water boil?
Why is snow white?

Why is sugar sweet?
What makes a cat purr?
Why has water no taste?
What is smoke?
Why is yawning catching?
Why does salt melt snow?
What is air made of?
Why does hair turn gray?
What keeps the stars in place?
Why is foam white?
What makes us sneeze?
Have fishes any feeling?
Why don't we fall off the earth?

How do flies walk on the ceiling?
Why does milk turn sour?
What makes us hungry?
Why do we dream?
What is the only liquid metal?
What plant catches flies to eat?
How does water make rocks?
How did men first tell time?
Why is the tiger striped?



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